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SUBJ: DR. ROSKIN DENIED PERMISSION TO TELEPHONE EMBASSY
MOSCOW

1. WHILE VISITING ODESSA MAY 30 DR. MICHAEL ROSKIN, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT LYCOMING COLLEGE, WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA, CLAIMS THAT HE WAS HELD FOR AN HOUR BY LOCAL MILITIA AND WAS DENIED PERMISSION TO TELEPHONE A CONSULAR OFFICIAL AT THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. IN A LETTER TO PENNSYLVANIA CONGRESSMAN HERMAN T. SCHNEEBELI DATED JUNE 12, 1973, DR. ROSKIN REPORTS HE WAS DETAINED BY MILITIA FOR QUOTE BAD BEHAVIOR UNQUOTE IN PHOTOGRAPHING THE SALE OF EGGS ON A STREET.

2. THIS DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS APPEARS TO BE A VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 12 OF US- SOVIET CONSULAR CONVENTION WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE QUOTE RECEIVING STATE SHALL IN NO WAY RESTRICT ACCESS OF NATIONALS OF THE SENDING STATE TO ITS CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENT UNQUOTE.

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3. THE EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST AN EXPLANATION FROM THE MFA
FOR THE ACTIONS OF THE ODESSA MILITIA IN RESTRICTING ACCESS
OF A US CITIZEN TO A US CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENT.

4. DEPARTMENT WILL RAISE MATTER WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON AND IS POUCHING EMBASSY COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE
FROM DR. ROSKIN AND CONGRESSMAN SCHNEEBELI. RUSH

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